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ASF president Sir Arthur George said this week the package was so big and impressive that it may have to be shared by two networks.

One definitely interested in the project was the ABC, he said.

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ASF president Sir Arthur George

FIFA TRIO'S VISIT

A three-man FIFA delegation will visit Australia on March 9 for one week.

They will inspect grounds and telecommunication facilities used for the 1981 World Youth Cup finals.

The delegates will be FIFA executive Harry Cavan, assistant secretary general Rene Courte and the Youth Cup organising committee secretary Sepp Blatter.

Barely a week later, Sir Arthur George will travel to Zurich where the official Organising Committee for the 81 Cup will be established.

He will also attend a FIFA executive meeting.

On his return, he will form an Australian Organising Committee, working under FIFA directives.

This will deal with specific areas such as transport, telecommunication, ground and training arrangements, hospitality, hotel accommodation, press matters and others.

Sir Arthur said he expected the Australian Organising Committee to be operational by April or May.

Then in September, the president of FIFA, Brazilian Joao Havelange will also visit Australia for a meeting concerning the World Youth Cup finals.

Entries to the 1981 Cup, held in Australia, will close this week (February 15) with FIFA.

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NSW AMPOL CUP

OLYMPIC RACE TOWARDS FIRST TITLE

Sydney Olympic, still smarting over their shock exit from the PSL, are determined to be the NSW State League's pace-setters.

They are poised to reach the Ampol Cup quarter finals — something that has eluded Melita and may also be the fate of Sutherland.

The Ampol Cup is entering its third round proper this week and the response of the fans has been rather mixed.

Last Friday's double-header, for example, drew only 362 paying customers — about 90 per team including relatives and friends.

One cannot help but wonder what effort the clubs are making to reach their fans?

A few clubs may have lost a lot of their spectator base; if this trend isn't checked, they can face some depressing home gates in the League.

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CLUB PATROL

***Fairfield West** (Div.6) have signed Bob Southgate as coach for the new season. Bob had a most successful year in 1979 with Canley Heights, guiding them to the Div.5 premiership. With the players he now has available, Bob is confident that Fairfield can also gain promotion at the end of this season. The club's pre-season training has got off to a flying start. An influx of several new, younger players will ensure a healthy competition for the various positions. New recruit Paul Watchman is likely to challenge strongly for a midfield spot. Southgate was pleased with the team in their first trial match on the weekend against Penrith United; the reserve won 3-1 but the first team lost 0-3.*

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***Maroubra United** (Div.4) has a new committee: Del Lane, president, Andrew Lee, secretary, Mel Gordon, treasurer, and Les Gagherdole as committee member. Lane is also the club's first grade coach and Frank Latham the reserve grade coach. The club has already arranged pre-season matches and will hold its first social of the year on February 24 at the Sydney Olympic clubrooms.*

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***Camden** (Div.5) have played two trial matches so far. First they met a Bankstown Association club: the reserves won 8-1 and the first grade 3-1, with the whole squad getting a run. Last weekend the team played Liverpool City at home; the reserves lost narrowly 1-2 and the first team ran out 6-2 winners. This weekend the team will play Mt.Pritchard at Ponderosa Park. Camden is happy with their sponsorship deals from three various sources.*

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***Eastern Creek-Namatjira** (Div.4) following a special general meeting, have streamlined the club management. Three executive members were elected: Weiss Sawina is president, Bill Morris, secretary and Eddie Sawina, treasurer. They will appoint five management committee members. The club hopes to achieve a higher degree of efficiency this way. John Jancek, ex-Marconi youth coach, is the new club coach with Eastern Creek. The first grade played a light-hearted friendly against Polonia last weekend, leading 1-0 at halftime and then losing 2-4. Home ground Cawarra Reserve has seen some improvements made to the dressing room and the pitch.*

***Edensor Park - King Tomislav** (5th div.) appointed Tom Nazor (ex-club player) senior federation coach for the season. The squad will miss the services of forward, Bob Pagano, who at present is with Sydney Croatia. The club expects several of their past players to return from the Sydney Croatia sides. The club's premises are one of the finest in Sydney. With another $15,000 having been spent on turf and surrounds, only the canteen and fencing remains to be completed. The club has also employed a fulltime groundsman.*

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***Glenquarie United** (6th div.) in their first season in federation, have appointed Mick Mole, ex-Colchester of England, to the position of coach. The club has been most enterprising in having acquired a long term lease on 13½ acres in Bensley Rd., Macquarie Fields and have established three fields, two of which are floodlit, fully turfed with dressing and referee rooms and canteen to be completed by March. The club has put $90,000 into this complex and there are future plans for a licensed club. At present the club fields 32 junior teams on two fields at James Meehan Oval.*

TERRY BERTRAM'S return from England for the 1980 season brought sighs of relief from Auburn officials. Bertram has been one of the club's stalwarts, and though he is still not fully fit, he should fit easily into the side again this year after missing the whole of 1979.

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Ku-ring-gai's coach FRANK MALONE laughs when critics say his side is too old. With DICK CHAMBERS, WILLIE HAMILTON, BOBBY HOGG and JIM HERRON forming the backbone of his team Frank counters with the old adage, "there are no old or young players, only good and bad ones."

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Auburn have signed up 10 of the 1979 New South Wales State Amateurs under 16 team, including two stars of the side JOHN McCULLOCH and PAUL DALEY both 15. Both played in the 2-0 win over Yugal, with McCulloch having a full match and Daley coming on as substitute.

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Former Croatia stalwart JOHN VERNON is reportedly on the shopping list of Auburn. Auburn officials have intimated that they need a couple of experienced players to offset the loss of nearly half the first team squad, and Vernon's is one name being bandied around.

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Canterbury's young defender JIMMY BINOS has a broken ankle, received in the Ku-ring-gai match after only 10 minutes of the first half. From all reports it happened in a harmless tackle.

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Commenting on the new, forward positioning of BOBBY HOGG in his team, Ku-ring-gai coach FRANK MALONE said: "That basically will be our attitude for the year — to go out and attack. With a little work on defensive technique we will close up the gaps at the back while maintaining our attacking level."

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A new signing for Bankstown is 19-year-old MARK DAVIS from St.George. The young striker was formerly a Bankstown junior but went to Saints hoping to break into big time. Now he is back at familiar haunts officials are hoping he will team up with fellow striker DENNIS DALEY.

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Melita officials explain that coach ATTI ABONYI could not play for the team even if he wanted to. Some people have been saying Atti should step into the team until it finds its balance, but he is still registered with Croatia as a player as Melita did not buy his contract.

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The transfer of CRAIG HALL at $10,000 to Canterbury stunned most State League officials and coaches who naturally expected the talented striker to move into the PSL. General consensus is that he may have ruined any chance of entering the big time, for Canterbury would at least expect to recover their money in any future transfer deal.

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A surprise departure from Auburn during the off-season was youngster BRETT WOODS who left the club to join Sydney City. Club officials feel he would have done better to establish himself in the Auburn State League first team side rather than become 'buried' in the junior team at Sydney City.

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Reports from Sutherland reveal that KEITH SCHUMANN is undecided as to his future in soccer. Keith hasn't been approached for a transfer, and club officials say he wants to re-assess his attitude to the game. Let's hope that, at 22, he doesn't join the ranks of many other Australian born lads who drop out of the game far too early.

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Ku-ring-gai's WILLIE HAMILTON should consider himself lucky for receiving only a $25 fine for being sent off against Croatia on a charge of retaliation. Willie played in Ku-ring-gai's next game against Canterbury and was a key figure in the win.

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Powerful midfielder KEVIN COLEMAN made a welcome return to Croatia's ranks in the Ampol Cup after a year out of the game. Kevin concentrated on his studies last year and decided after finishing his diploma to take up the game again 'for something to do'.

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Adelaide

— Vic Migliaccio —

After seven weeks and fourteen games played, the only team that seems certain to qualify for the semifinals of the 1980 Ampol Cup is Beograd who at present are on top of the competition table with seven points.

Results from last Friday night matches: Victoria v Beograd 0-1, Para Hills v Campbelltown 1-1.

The series has another six weeks to run with each of the eight teams to play three more matches before the semifinals.

On Friday night its Azzurri v Polonia in the early game with Elizabeth v Campbelltown to follow. On Monday (February 18) it's Polonia v Elizabeth and Victoria v Azzurri.

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The 1981 Ampol Cup competition could be played in a different format. A suggestion that Adelaide City, West Adelaide, a State amateur team and an under-19 State side compete with the top four Rothmans League clubs is to be considered by the S.A.S.F.

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The S.A. State team will travel to Melbourne to play Victoria on Easter Monday.

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Adelaide City's Jim Muir is still on the transfer list. Muir, nicknamed "Jimbo" was captain of Scotish first division club Dumbarton, where he played as centre half or striker, before he moved to City in 1978. He had talks with St.George last week.

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Gerry Chaldi says that a Sydney report that Graham Norris had already transferred to APIA and APIA's Eric Carruthers transferred back to West, he commented, "Not quite, we're still negotiating."

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The 1980 Rothmans State League winter season will kick off on April 12. The first round: Beograd v Campbelltown, Victoria v Azzurri, Para Hills v Cumberland, Polonia v Croatia, Port Adelaide v Elizabeth.

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Channel 9 replayed the SA v Czechs match on Sunday evening from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. Commentators were David Fordham of NBN Newcastle, Tom McKain and Ken Cunningham. It's believed that NWS9 filmed the match with the intention of increasing its involvement in soccer, providing the public respond. So, to help things out, why not phone or write to the channel.

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Adelaide City manager-coach, Rale Rasic dropped a bombshell at the weekend when he suspended and fined fullback Bobby Russell for being absent from training for four weeks. Russell toured Italy with a team managed by Ray Richards then went to Britain rather than return directly to Adelaide.

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Club stalwart GREG SMITH is at present putting Croatia's first grade through its paces in training sessions until new coach Domagoj Kapitanovic arrives from Yugoslavia.

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Another signing for Ku-ring-gai is former St.George defender PAUL JONES. Frank Malone says he is training well and could be one of the League's best defenders this year.

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Sutherland secretary LAURIE HAYNES is not worried that the Ampol Cup matches will adversely affect Seymour Shaw Park. He says the games are the only time the field is used, as all training sessions are now held elsewhere.

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Three names to look out for this year from the Sutherland camp are NEIL TASKER, RON SCHUMANN and TONY MURPHY. The club holds high hopes for all three, and expects them to become established first team members by the end of the season.

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NSW FED. TO MEET MONDAY

The NSW Federation's Extraordinary Meeting this week had to be cancelled due to lack of quorum.

The meeting will now be held next Monday.

The main items on the agenda are ethnic club names and the possible admission of the Illawarra District into the State League.

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GIANT STADIUMS COULD COPE WITH WORLD CUP

— By A. Dettre —

Part Three

The Americans earnestly believe that within 10 years soccer will become the No.1 sport in North America.

The grassroots are growing with astonishing speed; thousands of youngsters are switching from baseball and football to soccer.

One reason is the cost. It costs the same to outfit a football (grid-iron) player with all the necessary equipment as it costs to outfit a whole soccer team.

Another reason for football's falling and soccer's rising popularity in the USA is the injury factor.

"There have been many liability suits and court cases against football gear manufacturers and others who just handle the gear like school boards,"says Otto Radich, assistant commissioner of the ASL.

"This, in turn, led many schools to drop football altogether and encouraging soccer.

"Soccer, with the right mentality and approach, can pick up these defectors."

In October 1978, the US Soccer Federation — controlling though very loosely, even the NASL and ASL — made a formal application to FIFA to hold the 1990 World Cup finals.

In the submission president Gene Edwards claimed tha the US can "provide all that is necessary to produce a successful tournament — stadiums, hotels, transportation, communications and vast commercial opportunities."

Having had a glimpse at American sport, I wholeheartedly agree.

In fact, the USA could just about stage the World Cup finals now.

I don't think there is another country in the world with better sports facilities.

They have as of today three stadiums with a capacity exceeding 100,000 seats (Philadelphia's John F. Kennedy, Pasadena's Rose Bowl and Ann Arbor's Michigan); a total of 31 stadiums with a capacity of 60,000 or over or 46 with a capacity of 50,000 or over.

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In Australia, once the season is over, the majority of officials go on holidays or escape into hibernation.

Not so in the USA: they regard the off-season break as the most vital preparatory stage of the year.

Last October, for example, Cosmos in the NASL had printed and distributed an impressive booklet on their 1980 TV package for March this year.

This offered 17 match dates to advertisers, with a 30 second spot going at $2,250 and a one tenth season sponsorship at $153,000, offering four 30 seconds spots per game, opening and closing billboards and a five-month continuity.

Of course, none of the Cosmos home matches are televised: the general rule in all American pro sports is to televise only out of town matches ("the team is on the road," they say.)

Last season the Cosmos advertisers were Xerox, Volkswagen, Gulf and Western Oil, McDonald's (fast food), Budweiser (brewery), General Tire, Warner Bros., Adidas and 7-Up (soft drinks), pouring an estimated $1,500,000 into the coffers.

Other companies advertising on NASL matches include Mercedes cars, American Airlines, Coca-Cola, Colgate, Levy's and other giants.

Both NASL and ASL officials told me in separate interviews that a variety of reasons demanded soccer not to be played in winter.

In Eastern USA (New York etc.) and Canada it would be hard to draw spectators in the December-February period when the weather is cold, bleak, wet or snowy.

So it's the climate, then.

Well, not quite, American football starts late August and has one match a week, usually on Sundays, right through to January — in the same bleak weather.

But American football is still king. That strange sport, almost like a mediaeval wargame, is the established winter sport and people are prepared to endure it once a week in any weather.

It attracts to its main league games regular crowds of 60,000 to 90,000 with tens of millions watching it on T.V.

Football, for the time being anyway, is beyond challenge by soccer.

Television also loves football: the sport is full of stops and starts, with the game seldom flowing for more than six seconds before the players find themselves in a tangled heap.

And then, countless commercials can be inserted in the program....

Soccer is not so "fortunate" the game can go for minutes without sufficient break for commercials.

Football is something like Aussie Rules or rugby league in Australia and baseball like cricket, as for seasonal popularity.

Radich (ASL boss) said the availability of players was another reason for the switch of seasons.

"Our teams get many players from Britain and they can only come in the May-August period, when their season is in limbo," says Radich.

"The 'summer' soccer season was started by the NASL and we just copied them.

"Don't forget another reason: most good football stadiums are available to soccer only when there is no football.

"From what I know of your soccer, this should be the logical move for you too."

Amen, I whispered; this is something I have suggested in print and in private to PSL officials for more than two years.

Is soccer still regarded as an ethnic sport in the USA?

"This was certainly the case until a few years ago," says Otto Radich.

"Even now, the Cosmos matches attract about 70 percent migrants.

"But soccer has gained acceptance in the Media; the neutral names of clubs have certainly helped.

"I think that in another 5 or 10 years the once strong ethnic stigma will vanish completely.

"Also, the number of youngsters playing soccer is a big help in this: how can an American father regard soccer as an ethnic sport if his son plays the game?

"In 1951, when I arrived in the USA, only six high schools in New York played soccer. Today there isn't one without it."

• ***Continued next week.***

Cosmos fans celebrate at the Giants Stadium, Meadowlands, New Jersey, just across the river from New York City.

AMPOL SCOREBOARD

NORTH SYDNEY 2(1) — ARNCLIFFE 4(1)

North Sydney: Lilli, Matheson, Henretty, Miller, O'Rourke, J. Bottalico, Yousip, Layden, Ruiz, Delaney, A. Bottalico.

Arncliffe: Marsden, Ramisch, Smart, Oldham, Martin (Blackburn 45m), Luckett, Stone, Lee, Leak, Montgomery, Tracey.

Goals: 0-1 Montgomery (3m), 1-1 Smart (o.g., 35m), 2-1 Layden (57m), 2-2 Leak (68m), 2-3 Luckett (pen.75m), 2-4 Leak (89m).
Referee: T. Seacy; **Crowd:** 407 (doubleheader).

Three late goals gave Arncliffe victory in an entertaining game. Arncliffe went to the lead early and Luckett's promptings showed he would be a great asset to the team this year. North Sydney were level at halftime, thanks to an own goal and smartened themselves up after the interval to go to a deserved lead in the 57th minute. The Scots pulled themselves together after that and got the three goals necessary for the points. The Scots obviously have the potential to develop into a capable team this year as they showed on the night. North Sydney can also improve as the season goes by and the man most teams will have to watch is central striker Frank Layden who, when given the opportunity, can stick the ball away.

— R. Dewick

YUGAL 0 — AUBURN 2(2)

Yugal: Costidis, Prokrajac (Rodas 46m), Micev, Novakovic, S.Radovac, Klemperer, Kapista, Radivojavic, Stamenkovic (O'Brien 85m), Tanovski, Travini.

Auburn: Gisbourne, George, Fairclough, McKendry, Carter (Daley 84m), Cornett, Thering (Bertram 45m) Field, McCranor, McCulloch, Ross.

Goals: 0-1 Ross (8m), 0-2 McCranor (25m).
Referee: D. Rennie; **Crowd:** 407; **caution:** Travini.

Two extremely young teams took the field, one with an immense amount of talent, the other with limited ability, no method and not a great deal of heart. Auburn seized two early goals and with more experience and a little steadiness could have had more for the evening's outing. They never really allowed Yugal into the game and while Yugal did have the ability to occasionally find space for themselves, they were unable to pressure the Auburn defence. The Auburn youngsters, particularly Field and Ross, look like going a long way. Bearing in mind that Auburn had two fourteen-year-olds on the bench and provided they can keep the lads together for a few years, Auburn must have a bright future. The first and only time Yugal came close to scoring was in the 62nd minute. **R. Dewick**

AVALA 1(1) — MELITA 0

Avala: Ahrens, G. Bateman, Deller, Barton, Griffiths, Pilovski, Tilt, Lavin, Young, Kodor, Karanfilovski.

Melita: Luxford, Cabon (Parker 50m), McDonald, S. Bateman, Mikas, T. Juchniewicz, Babian, Farrugia, Allan, J. Stoddart, Jones.

Goal: 1-0 Karanfilovski (25m).
Referee: P. Rampley; **crowd:** 2378 (doubleheader). **Sent off:** Griffiths, Mikas, Juchniewicz.

This game amply underlined the Referee's Federation decision to stamp out infringements this season. Vic Juchniewicz went on a charge of butting Branko Karanfilovski and Ron Griffiths for apparently going over the ball to foul Terry Jones. Phil Mikas was charged with an illegal tackle on Karanfilovski again. The game was not all that tough and the fouls had an air of stupidity rather than violence. It was justice, indeed that a revitalised Avala won by virtue of Karanfilovski's goal. He suffered a physical battering throughout but in the 25th minute provided the highlight of the match. Running on to John Lavin's through-ball, he gently whisked it into the net. Melita tried hard but lacked the necessary drive midfield.

— M. Renwick

OLYMPIC 4(2) — PARRAMATTA 0

Olympic: Wilson, Ankudinoff, Palmer, Rowden, McIntosh, Cross, Housseni, Zeros, Scott (Kousas 77m), Eaton, Laing.

Parramatta: Donovan, Jordan, Bigland, Fischer, O'Maye, Wookey (McKenzie 70m), Mitchell, Haydec, Robie, Hearn, Brizuela.

Goals: 1-0 Laing (17m), 2-0 Eaton (44m), 3-0 Eaton (52m), 4-0 Housseni (85m).
Referee: B. Fowler; **crowd:** 2378 (doubleheader).

Housseni's 85-minute goal will be a long remembered souvenir of Sydney Olympic's 4-0 win over a quite unconvincing Parramatta. The 25-metre shot which all but ripped the netting off the post, was a goal the moment it left the Iranian international's boot. Greg Ankudinoff, newly arrived on free transfer, had a great first half for Olympic. The other new boy, Jim Zeros, also had a starring role in midfield and will be a mainstay of the team. After 17 minutes Olympic was on the way against an immature Parramatta side, with Derek Laing capitalising on a dropped ball from Donovan. Clive Eaton got into gear in the 44th and in the 52nd he followed Scott's lead-up for a second goal. It is difficult to recall very much from Parramatta but young Hearn was the outstanding striker.

— L. Walters

SUTHERLAND 1(1) — MANLY 0

Sutherland: Haynes, Holman (Murphy 66m), Woods, Smith, Del Forno, Tasker, Watkiss, Meades, Rogers, Bush, Harrington.

Manly: Cassettari, Mouttet, Hiscock, Doyle, Townsend, Geoghgan (Burchett 66m), Riley, Jack, Nawalu, Roozendaal, Stewart.

Goal: 1-0 Meades (25m).
Referee: B. Fowler; **crowd:** 2836 (doubleheader).

The younger brigade Sutherland has been so carefully cultivating over the years came to the rescue after several sales during the week depleted the first grade side: Tasker, Woods, Bush and Rogers slotted in well and made one forget the absence of the departed Hall and the still undecided Schumann. Haynes made a confident return in goal after shrugging off his knee injury and was never severely tested. The only goal of the game came in the 25th minute when Bob Smith's long distance shot ran free from the Manly goalie and Steve Meades did the rest. A lot of good work was done by Smith who will be one of Sutherland's stars this season and also by the veteran John Watkiss, surprisingly back in the defence.

— M. Renwick

CROATIA 0 — WOLLONGONG 1(0)

Croatia: Watson, A. Kovacic, Cagalj, Basic, Smith, Dudaric (Rezo 73m), Mullen, Savor, Coleman, M. Kovacic, Cootes (Muratovic 82m).

Wollongong: J. Terzivoski, Nanski (Vlietsra 40m), Strajevski, M. Terzivoski, Talevski, I. Fattin, H. Pattin, Dalkovski, Trajkovski, Bingham, Nanucevski (Jierksa 46m).

Goals: 0-1 Jierska (pen.73m).
Referee: R. Lorenc; **crowd:** 2836 (doubleheader).

Wollongong made a dream debut in the Cup by deservedly toppling three-times State premiers Croatia in an excellent game. They played a fluent style throughout into the face of a roaring downfield gale in the second half. Their reward came when Bruno Cagalj upended David Jierksa inside the box. Croatia goalie Steve Watson first saved brilliantly from Jierksa but the retake was driven relentlessly home. Wollongong played typical Yugoslav soccer and it is remarkable from seeing this performance that they have not achieved more in the past. Croatia lacked style and purpose up front while their defence was slow to cover and lacked initiative in attack. Perhaps, once he has settled, Kevin Coleman, after a break from soccer, will be able to pep up their ailing attack.

— L. Walters

BANKSTOWN 4(2) — MONARO 2(1)

Bankstown: Lachowicz, P. Thomson, Lembryk, Beater, Greg Lynch, Glen Lynch, Rootsey, Griffith (Nocera 10m), Hansley, Daley, Davis.

Monaro: Palec, Crawford, Pulcini, Noble, O'Neil, Shaw, Lawler, Smith, Heywood, Talevski (Falzon 65m), Trajanovski.

Goals: 0-1 Heywood (15m),1-1 Thomson (pen.30m), 2-1 Daley (40m), 3-1 Hensley (46m), 4-1 Glen Lynch (63m), 4-2 Smith (pen. 89m).
Referee: T. Davies; **crowd:** 362 (doubleheader).

Without their twin strikers from last year, Valeri and Giampaolo, Monaro looked poor in attack and indeed, after 15 minutes, their punch vanished. Bankstown were far superior to last year's side. They showed fine teamwork, backed up well and were aggressive. With more steadiness and luck, they could have been five or six goals in front by the end. Bankstown came from behind early and once they scored the equaliser, they never were in danger of dropping a point. Lachowicz in goal was outstanding while his opposite number, Palec, was directly responsible for two goals. If Bankstown continue to play this way, they will be more than a handful for many teams this year.

— R. Dewick

KU-RING-GAI 4(3) — CANTERBURY 3(3)

Ku-ring-gai: O'Toole, Wheatley, Geaky, McGill, Robertson, Chambers (Martin 75m), Smith, Hamilton, Herron, Hogg (Firrell 76m), Jones.

Canterbury-Marrickville: El Zein, Sheldrick, Doyle (Thamnidis 45m), Bozganos, Binos (R.Brown 8m), Lyle, Kable, Williams, Thompson, Hall, Ramisch.

Goals: 1-0 Hamilton (pen. 12m), 2-0 Smith (23m), 3-0 Hogg (30m), 3-1 Hall (34m), 3-2 Brown (38m), 3-3 Kable (42m), 4-3 Smith (63m).
Referee: T. Boskovic; **crowd:** 362; **caution:** Geaky.

Ku-ring-gai have just about deserved to win the match as they showed better teamwork and more determination. The early chances were Canterbury's but by the 12th minute they were one down after Herron was fouled inside the box. Hamilton, who converted from the spot for the offence on his friend, was prominent all night, setting up the second goal in the 23rd minute and then, shortly after, combining with Herron, for Hogg to score the third goal. By this stage Canterbury's defence looked like a leaking Vietnamese junk and it appeared that Ku-ring-gai's experience would enable them to coast to an easy win. To Canterbury's credit they put their game together much better and scored three goals in eight minutes.

— R. Dewick

AMPOL CUP TABLES

GROUP A

1. Croatia	2	1	-	0	4	2
2. Woll'gong	1	1	-	-	1	0
3. Kuringai	2	1	-	1	5	2
4. Canterbury	1	-	-	1	3	0

GROUP B

1. Bankstown	1	1	-	-	4	2
2. Auburn	1	1	-	-	2	0
3. Monaro	1	-	-	1	2	0
4. Yugal	1	-	-	1	0	2

GROUP C

1. Olympic	2	2	-	-	5	0
2. Sutherland	1	1	-	-	1	0
3. Manly	2	-	-	2	0	2
4. Parramatta	1	-	-	1	0	4

GROUP D

1. Arncliffe	2	1	1	-	5	3
2. Avala	2	1	-	1	2	2
3. Nth.Syd.	2	1	-	1	4	5
4. Melita	2	-	1	1	2	1

CANBERRA

—By Peter Kunz —

Canberra City travelled to Newcastle last weekend to play Newcastle in the first leg of the Prime Minister's Cup.

The teams seemed set to battle out a 2-2 draw when seconds before the final whistle Newcastle's David Jones was fouled by City defender Roy Stark.

Newcastle captain Roy Drinkwater scored from the penalty spot to give Newcastle a good chance of retaining the Cup when it journeys to Canberra for the return leg after the conclusion of the 1980 Philips League season.

Canberra City is pleased with the result as it played Newcastle without regulars Danny Moulis and Mike Milovanovic, who were in Melbourne with the national Youth team and the Sebastian Giampaolo — Walter Valeri duo who have been sidelined until wrangling over their transfer fee from State League club Monaro is settled.

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Canberra City has come to terms with Brisbane Lions over the acquisition of star striker Tony Brennan.

Brennan has already played two matches for Canberra.

He scored two goals for City in a trial game against Wrest Point Rapid of Tasmania and was fielded against Newcastle in last weekend's Prime Ministers Cup match.

The transfer price for Brennan is around the $18,000 mark and involves the exchange of Canberra's Stephen Hogg, who will be returning to Brisbane, his home town.

Hogg

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Ivan Gruicic, the popular nippy forward, has been resigned by his old club, Croatia Deakin of Canberra, as player-manager.

Meanwhile midfielder Jim Cant is on the transfer list having failed to come to terms with the Canberra City Board.

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AMPOL CUP 1980

Olympic may well drown the Sharks

— By Paul James —

Round two of the Ampol Cup provided some shocks both on and off the field, with Wollongong toppling mighty Croatia, Bankstown whipping Monaro, and a meagre 300 people attending one evening of double headers at Seymour Shaw last week.

Wollongong undoubtedly caused the biggest sensation.

Almost completely unknown to all but their loyal followers, the South Coast lads played excellent 'Yugoslav' football and outwitted Croatia.

This week they take on Kuring-gai, and if they can get a win they could be through to the quarterfinals.

Several Croatia players are known to be disappointed that the club's new coach has not yet arrived, and they feel this has led to a lack of formation in the first team this year.

Croatia meet Canterbury at St.George on Friday, and must get a win to retain hope of a quarter-final place.

Canterbury's chances look a little forlorn now, and they would have to beat both Croatia and Wollongong to qualify.

I'm betting on Croatia and Wollongong going through from this group.

Melita, the eternal 'triers' have lost all chance of making this their third Ampol Cup final in a row.

The loss to Avala was a death knell, following the lucky draw with Arncliffe the week before.

In fact, Arncliffe look the strongest team from this group and are almost certain to qualify.

This week they meet Avala at Seymour Shaw on Wednesday, and although a draw would suit the Scots, they must go for a win.

Mathematically it is possible that they could be knocked out, if both Avala and North Sydney win.

North Sydney will be trying to emulate the feat of their cousins from Queanbeyan who also caused a minor stir in their first Ampol Cup.

The North Sydney lads could go through in second place here if they can beat Melita, and on present form this does not seem such a gigantic task.

From this group I'm predicting Arncliffe and North Sydney to qualify — but Melita, too, can make it.

Sydney Olympic, showing no sympathy for their 'rivals' despite their experience from the PSL, are stampeding towards what looks like Olympic's first even ever trophy win (and that includes Pan Hellenic).

After being denied a bagful against Manly by their goalkeeper Cassetari, they swamped Parramatta by four goals to have the impressive goals tally of five for, none against.

Already through to the quarterfinals, they could easily ruin Sutherland's chances.

A win on Friday night against the Sharks at Seymour Shaw could leave the way open for Parramatta to sneak in.

However, from all reports Parramatta are not firing as they did last year and they would have to improve greatly to beat Sutherland in the deciding, postponed match.

Manly have really excited no-one, nor surprised the great majority of fans.

About the only factor in their favor is their amazing fitness for this time of the season, but without technique their enthusiasm and speed is wasted.

From the group I expect Olympic and Sutherland to win through, for even if they lose to Olympic, I can't see Sutherland dropping a point to Parramatta.

In the last group the situation is still wide open.

Only one round has been played due to postponements, and both Bankstown and Auburn won convincingly.

So convincingly, in fact, that some critics have suggested these two will qualify.

Yugal admittedly have little chance, but I wouldn't write Monaro off so soon.

Two points against Yugal this week would do their morale the world of good and prepare them for the clash with Auburn.

And if either Auburn or Bankstown drop a point or two in their Wednesday night meeting, the group could still be a long way from complete.

At present Auburn and Bankstown, on performances, look likely quarterfinalists, but watch Monaro.

YOUNG SAINTS

St.George, last year's first division champions by a big margin will again pursue their policy of using this team as a nursery for the PSL side.

Certainly there will be new faces in the side, but these will be players upgraded from last year's second and third grade teams.

And it looks like there will be quite a few of them, as from the first team squad that won the title last year they have lost Nigel Groome, Mick Dale, Mike Barton and Peter Terry all going in the PSL team squad.

They may also lose the talented David Skeen who is a member of the under-19 State squad.

These players will now be directly under the wings of PSL coach Raul Blanco and his assistant Frank Lang.

Incidentally Frank Lang has returned from England on Tuesday together with the two schoolboys he took with him overseas for experience.

Tibor Zuckerman, who took over the coaching from Lang midway through the season and a long-standing former St.George first grade player will again take charge of coaching the first grade team this season.

Goalkeeper Tyrone Patterson, sidelined by injury for most of last season is back in training and will be a welcome addition to the side.

The squad have trained lightly during the off-season but since the Christmas break has been in solid training.

With Lang back in Sydney, it is expected that a coaches-managers meeting will be held sometime this week to sort out and organise all the grades.

Youngsters in all grades are expected to benefit this season with the signing of Raul Blanco as a full-time coach for the next three years.

He is expected to have a little more time to look after the talent in the district.

— C. Spiteri

Polonia ready to bounce back

— By Charles Spiteri —

The return to Poland of Andrej Pietrczyk is a big setback for Polonia, but the club is still expected to bounce back into championship calculations this season.

Pietrczyk, who played for the club in the last two seasons was a top class midfielder with superb ball skills.

It was him, more than anyone else that kept Polonia together despite the problems the club had experienced last season.

For most of last season, Polonia ran hot and cold, playing top football against the top teams and dropping too many points against the lower sides.

However, bold steps have been taken during the off-season to rectify most of the weaknesses including the election of an 11-member soccer committee headed by president Mike Cordek and secretary Eddie Kircz.

Last season's "caretaker" coach Svarek (Stan) Wozniczka has been re-appointed for the 1980 season.

Wozniczka took over the coaching midway through the season from Zbigniew Strzelecki who was injured in a car accident.

A top first division player in Poland, Strzelecki has completely recovered and will be a force in the Polonia team this season.

Sydney soccer is no stranger for coach Wozniczka as he was here a few years ago and was top scorer in the then second division competition.

The club also has a technical manager in Harry Greenfield, also a long standing member of the club.

As for the playing staff, Polonia this year will rely more on the young talent in the district.

The club retained almost all players from last season, in addition to signing talented winger Stan Lemanczyk from Penrith and Peter Janczek from the lower divisions.

It is understood that negotiations have started with another two players and the club expects to finalise agreement sometime this week.

Over the years, Polonia has been and still is renowned for the fine technical skills in their method of play.

This will be strongly maintained in the coming season with players like Bogdan Wisniewski, Zbigniew Strzelecki and Svarek Wozniczka forming the nucleus of the team.

To counter injury problems experienced last year, the club plans to enlarge this season's first grade playing squad.

Chopin Park, Polonia's home ground was topsoiled and rolled during the off-season to get a better playing surface and a training pitch was constructed at one end — all work carried out by the supporters club.

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THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Parramatta v Manly	St.George Stadium	7.15pm
Bankstown v Auburn	St.George Stadium	9.00pm
Avala v Arncliffe	Seymour Shaw	7.15pm
Ku-ring-gai v Woll'gong	Seymour Shaw	9.00pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Yugal v Monaro	St.George Stadium	7.15pm
Croatia v Marrickville	St.George Stadium	9.00pm
North Sydney v Melita	Seymour Shaw	7.15pm
Sutherland v Olympic	Seymour Shaw	9.00pm

• Decision about the postponed games later this week; likely date is February 20.

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Friday, February 22.	Venue to be advised
Wednesday, February 27.	Venue to be advised.

• Decision about the postponed games later this week.

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Socceroo team still unsettled

— By Andrew Dettre —

It must have been a bitter blow to Rudi Gutendorf: Czechoslovakia actually toyed with his Socceroos in two of the three internationals.

In the third match, a welcome painkiller, a better organised Australia did very well to get a draw — but nobody will, hopefully, pretend that we are on the same level at the Czechs.

Gutendorf did expect the hidings and yet, when they came, they must have jolted this proud, ambitious man.

Of course, everybody knows that the Socceroos weren't prepared for the encounters; that most of our players were unfit.

What few realised was that the Czechoslovaks were also at the very beginning of their preparations for 1980; their match in Canberra was their first since December 1.

Indeed, according to their coach Joe Venglos, Czechoslovakia gave no more than 40 to 50 percent of their true capacity in any of their Australian matches.

The big question now is: will Gutendorf stick to his present squad of players or will he make wholesale changes?

Also, will he be influenced by the poor showing of many of his regulars — or will he fall back on the 1979 PSL forms?

One thing has become crystal clear once again: the Socceroos badly lack players with sufficient skill.

Fit or unfit, far too many of our players simply look clumsy, awkward and angular when seen against a Red Star or a Czechoslovakia.

Pure, sheer ball-playing ability is an absolutely essential commodity in modern soccer; there is little you can do with players unable to deliver an accurate pass.

Let's see what Gutendorf has to choose from.

In goal, he is likely to rely on Woodhouse, Fraser and Crook, possibly in that order and there aren't any others with a legitimate claim.

Not so straightforward is the situation with the defensive four.

In my view, Henderson could be the ideal 'freeback', coming forward from behind; he is never half as effective in midfield.

Prskalo, a very polished player, is more of a "sweeper" — but the Socceroos may prefer to play with a stopper, such as Bertogna or Jones in which case Prskalo would find it hard to retain his place.

Gutendorf has problems with his fullbacks. Perry, a little bulldog, is good at tight markings but lacks polish to create or overlap.

Mullen is very talented — but often shows an alarming lack of tactical discipline while Tansey, perhaps the

John Kosmina

classiest of them all, has problems with a speedy opponent who can also turn swiftly.

The young Bozanic and Brogan should soon be in the running and then, whatever happened to Yzendoorn, one of the Gutendorf favorites in 1979?.

I have a sneaky feeling that Peter Wilson will play again for the Socceroos: in a defensive position, alongside Henderson, he could still be the best and Wilson is no more a veteran than Rooney.

There are more than a dozen candidates for the midfield positions but Gutendorf has yet to find his "dream" trio.

It is imperative that at least two of them should be "ball winners", with a superior tackling ability; of his present squad, only Coyne qualifies here.

It's hard to see Cole or even Boden to succeed as genuine midfielders as they are both, in different ways, much more at home up front.

Rooney, in the long term, cannot be a solution despite his value to the team now; Picioane and Nyskohus are not robust enough, nor is Senkalski.

Sooner or later Gutendorf will have to fall back on Peter Stone (who had a poor 1979 season) and that immensely talented youngster, Gary Marocchi; I regard this pair as the best in Australia.

The skilful Muniz, the industrious Boyle and the fast improving Tredinnick may also be considered.

However, within a year or two things may change: one can see tremendous improvement in Peter Katholos while Peter Raskopoulos may also fulfil his potential with Marconi.

In the attack, we have two different types available: those with speed and aggression (Sharne, O'Connor, Jankovics, Cumming, Hunter) or those who fall into the ball-playing category (Brennan, Kosmina, Boden, Cotton, Krncevic.)

Watson seems to have been forgotten by Gutendorf while others, such as Giampalo (possibly the purest of all talents here) and Hall have been overlooked.

Clearly, Gutendorf will have to find the right blend; perhaps two fast men and one "brain".

Hunter isn't quite ready while Cumming lacks not just height but also class, so that

Gary Marocchi

leaves Sharne, Jankovics and O'Connor.

I would like to see at least once or twice Jankovics on the right wing where he could use his dash and power more than in the restricted middle.

Gutendorf may one day decide to field the entire Marconi attack — and opt for Krncevic.

The danger in that is that all are young, fairly green and the combined "skill factor" of this trio would be below the necessary level.

Brennan could be the man for the future; he has talent to burn and it will be interesting to see if he continues his meteoric rise.

Roy Cotton, of the Saints — a former England youth international — is perhaps the classiest mover but won't be naturalised for another year or so.

And what about John Kosmina? I still rate him as potentially the best central striker in Australia and find it difficult to accept that his Socceroo days — like those of Stone or Marocchi — are over.

Boden, of course, should be the present No. 1 choice but I have my reservations about any player who prefers an overseas holiday when the national team is playing a series of internationals.

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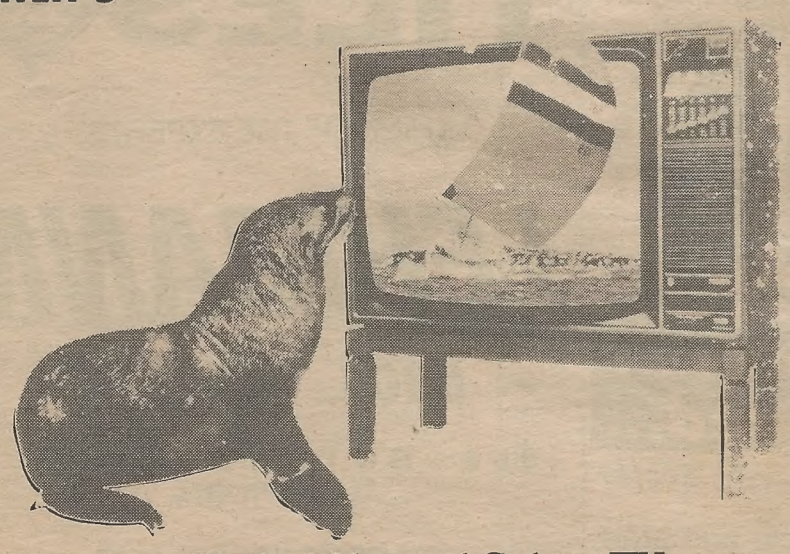

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SPLENDID DRAW BUT ALL ISN'T WELL YET

— By Peter Desira —

A combination of resolute defending and bad refereeing decisions earned Australia a creditable 2-2 draw in the last match of the series against Czechoslovakia.

But there is little to enthuse over the team building plans of Rudi Gutendorf.

The lack of any assurance of retaining a place in the side for any length of time and numerous instances of playing out of position is putting unnecessary pressure on the players.

This, combined with the absence of any recognised pattern of play, leads one to doubt the country's prospects for the World Cup series even at this early stage.

Gutendorf's teams seem to be chosen depending on his whim or mood of the moment.

The back four and midfield was changed beyond recognition from the one announced in the morning's press.

And even then David Jones, recalled to the national team after a two-year absence lasted only 26 minutes before Rudi decided he had "no control over his man" and substituted him with John Yzendoorn.

Both Australian goals resulted from dubious decisions by West Australian referee Barry Harwood.

The match was only seven minutes old when Peter Sharne bumped off giant centre back Anton Ondrus in a race for a bad back pass. The check seemed a harmless offence but referee Harwood pointed to the penalty spot.

The situation took on a comic air when Harwood reordered the spot kick three times before Ivo Prskalo managed to score with the fourth attempt with a low shot to the keeper's left.

Eddie Krncevic took the first two kicks but the 'keeper moved early both times, while Prskalo placed the third shot wide.

The Czechs scored twice and dominated the rest of the half before the Socceroos got back on level terms 10 minutes after the break from a controversial freekick for a second challenge by Ondrus on Sharne.

Sharne was going full pelt down the left flank but pushed the ball too far in front of him for Ondrus to make what I thought was a clean tackle.

The captain stood his ground, however, and Sharne's light frame went flying.

The goal itself was well taken by Krncevic who made a run to the far post to head Tansey's freekick powerfully past Dusan Keketi.

The Czechs lost some composure through making three substitutions at half time and in the opening 11 minutes of the second half Australia created three chances - a header by Coyne, a long range effort by Cumming and a dangerous Tansey cross - apart from netting the equaliser, in comparison to the two forages upfield in the whole of the first half.

Before the break we were treated to a display of possession football and clinical finishing power by the Czechs which had not been seen for a long time in the State.

Karol Dobias scored from the penalty spot with a minimum of fuss after 11 minutes for a sandwich by Tansey and Woodhouse on Marian Masny.

Then at the 23rd minute mark Zdenek Nehoda chested the ball down in a crowded penalty area and volleyed into the net from Masny's corner kick for a gem of a goal.

The 10 yellow shirts were penned down to a third of the field as the Slavs pushed the ball around at will — at one stage stringing some 17 odd passes together without an Australian player getting a touch — and it was left for Woodhouse in goal to distinguish himself with fine saves.

His best effort was a flying save to palm away a Dobias scorcher after the latter had made a sneaking run down the left then cut inside to let fly from outside the area.

Gutendorf issued instructions to slow down the pace at this stage and was infuriated when the crowd booed a series of backpasses to Woodhouse.

He gesticulated at the stand in between pacing to and from the bench on the running track, then buried his face in his hands at the end of the half as the players walked back to the tunnel.

It provided stark contrast with the end of the match when he jumped for joy with arms outraised at the final whistle, then ran on to the pitch to bear-hug each of his players individually.

In the dressing rooms he called the result a "miracle" after he had said at the previous encounters that the side was not fit.

Across the passage a much calmer Joe Venglos hinted politely that the Australian side was a shade better than the side he had under his control in the 1960s, then refrained to comment on the refereeing.

Goals: 1-0 Prskalo (pen.9m), 1-1 Dobias (pen.11m), 1-2 Nehoda (23m), 2-2 Krncevic (55m).

Ground: Olympic Park Melbourne. **Crowd:** 15,000.

Australia: Woodhouse, Tansey, Perry, Prskalo, Jones (Yzendoorn 26m), Rooney, Christopoulos (Davidson 46m), Coyne, Sharne (Cole 68m), Krncevic, Cumming (J. Nyskohus 79m).

Czechoslovakia: Keketi, Barmos, Jurkemik (Vojacek 46m), Ondrus, Gogh, Dobias (Stambachr 46m), Kozak, Panenka (Gajdusek 46m), Vizek (Jarusek 61m), Masny, Nehoda.

Referee: Barry Harwood (Perth). **Best Players:** Krncevic, Perry, Woodhouse, Ondrus, Kozak, Nehoda (Czech).
Cautions: Ondrus, Nehoda, Prskalo, Coyne.

S.AUST. DOWN BUT NOT OUT

— By Vic Migliaccio —

SA returned to their gutsy go-for-glory style with a gallant 2-4 loss to the bouncy Czechoslovakian national team last Wednesday week.

SA overcame the obstacle of the unavailability of several "required" players to peg back a two-goal deficit by half time.

But then it was the Czech's turn to bounce back through the goalscoring artistry of the great Zdenek Nehoda, who notched his first goal with his first touch after substituting for Antonin Panenka.

And that Joe Venglos should deem it necessary to require the services of Nehoda to break the 2-2 deadlock, was a tremendous tribute to the plucky SA contingent.

Apart from those two memorable goals, and the high degree of professionalism shown by Czechoslovakia, there were many highlights to gladden the hearts of SA fans in general and Australian soccer in particular.

Foraging John Kosmina led the way with a tireless performance which was punctuated with exciting bursts when he actually outpaced the Czech defence.

Goalkeeper Peter Marshall, who was preferred to Martyn Crook, did his job expertly enough to warrant national squad attention.

Johnny Nyskohus, David Jones, Vic Bozanic, Sergio Melta, Garie Dooley and Bugsy Nyskohus all turned in top flight displays, with Bugsy Nyskohus emerging as the first half hero.

Bustling Bugsy could not resume after the interval because he received eight stitches in his right ankle for an injury he suffered in the first five minutes.

Czechoslovakia's early superiority earned them two goals in the opening 18 minutes.

Karel Kroupa grabbed the first in the 12th minute when he coolly rounded two defenders before pumping a curving drive past Marshall.

Superb team work followed for goal number two as Marian Masny expertly juggled the ball to complete a three-pronged move with a great volley.

SA, however, seemed undaunted by the huge set-back and proceded to play fast, open football.

The locals were awarded a penalty in the 30th minute when diminutive Johnny Nyskohus was sandwiched between two Czech defenders.

Kosmina converted the spot-kick and the crowd roared their approval as the leveller came seven minutes before half time through a magnificient angled volley from Vic Bozanic 25 metres which Dusan Keketi did not see until it hammered into the back of the net.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Marshall, B. Nyskohus (Brown 46m), Bozanic, Maricic, Jones, Dooley, Melta, Key (Iannace 68m), Kosmina, J. Nyskohus, Honeyman.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Keketi, Barmos (Gogh 46m), Vojacek, Dobias, Fiala, Jarusek, Gajdusek (Stambachr 46m), Panenka (Nehoda 58m), Kroupa, Masny, Vizek.

Goals: 0-1 Kroupa (12m), 0-2 Masny (18m), 1-2 Kosmina (30m, pen.), 2-2 Bozanic (37m), 2-3 Nehoda (60m), 2-4 Nehoda (77m).
Referee: D. Campbell (SA.)
Crowd: 8322. **Cautions:** Dobias, Kosmina.

PHILIPS LEAGUE ROUND-UP

City fans enjoy modern facilities

This is no joke — Sydney City hope to move to Marks Field on April 1 — provided their bid is accepted by the Sydney City Council this week.

The decision was to be made after we went to press.

Fans will not recognise their luxurious new surrounds at the old Marks Field.

The grandstand has been rebuilt, with 3,000 bucket seats and — at long last — fully covered.

Above the stand are an enclosed VIP lounge and a spacious new Pressbox.

The old dressing sheds have been pulled down and replaced by brand new, modern dressing rooms for teams and referees.

The only area where fans can't expect any improvement is parking; they will still have to use the numerous sidestreets, as in the past.

Until April 1 the ground will be used for athletics, including the Australian championships ending on March 23.

City's star striker Ken Boden arrived back from Britain last Thursday morning — and resumed training with the squad the same evening.

Equally good news is that Ian Souness, whose return from England was in doubt, will be back on Saturday, with new wife and all.

Alan Kershaw, on the other hand, is staying in England and won't be back for the season.

Ian Souness

City have signed, on top of the Spanos brothers from Perth, yet another talented youngster, in fullback Brett Woods of Auburn.

To replace Jimmy Hughes, who is now assistant coach of the PSL team, the club has engaged former Prague star Dennis Hoggart while another ex-Prague man, Geoff Harcombe will be in charge of the third team.

Manger Peter Russell, meanwhile, is laying plans for a big scale pre-season promotion in the Eastern Suburbs to drum up support for City.

Presto is likely to be the club's sponsor again though there are other possible candidates also.

John Stevenson

Saints shore up their rearguard

Olympic's young giant, David McIntosh and Melita's young Richard Yamine are St.George's latest acquisitions.

Both are expected to fill defensive gaps left by the departure of Della Picca (returned to Argentina), George Harris (Blacktown) and Robert O'Shea (Canberra).

The Saints have also signed their own amateur, the talented midfielder David Skeen, as a contract player.

Coach Raul Blanco expects their young Portuguese winger Denis Duarte to make the first team and to partner Roy Cotton and either Peter Beggs or Willie Griffith in the attack.

Nigel Groome, a disappointment last year as a striker, is now literally groomed to become a fullback at the right flank while Peter Terry and Emery Holmik will contest the other flank position.

Brendan Grosse is likely to leave the club or perhaps take a year's rest.

Another who could leave shortly is speedy winger Peter Hensman.

Manager Les Bordacs said this week the club expected the basically young side to jell in two years.

"It's in midfield where we could be the strongest," he said.

"We have there Peter Katholos, Rudi Gnavi, Tom Mihajlovic, Paul Kay, John Davies and Nick Fenoughty

Raul Blanco

— all first class ball players.

"Fenoughty and Mihajlovic could also be used in attack.

"We may be a little thin up front and would be willing to sign a top striker — but today's transfer fees are ridiculous.

"Others who would suit us are not available, so we'll just have to wait and see."

Dennis Duarte

Marconi in draw

Marconi played a 0-0 draw on Sunday afternoon in Melbourne against Essendon.

The Melbourne team included axed Socceroo Tommy Cumming and, in the second half, Eddie Krncevic, as guest.

Marconi were without the injured Vieri (hamstring muscle) as well as their Socceroos.

Three times they hit the woodwork but the ball just wouldn't go in.

This was the Marconi lineup: Maher (Corry), Brogan, Russell, Degney, Selvage, Byrne, Tomasic, Lindsay, Coluso, Mariani, Williams.

Raskopoulos also played in the second half.

Slickers win trial

Sydney City beat St.George 2-1 on Saturday evening with Terry Smith getting both goals for the winners.

The Saints led 1-0 at halftime, with a goal by Roy Cotton.

In the second half both teams fielded a number of youngsters.

Sydney City were without Boden (ill) and the injured Borges and Silva while the Saints lined up without goalie Mike Fraser, who played with the Young Socceroos in Melbourne.

Fraser suffered a facial injury in the game and had to have hospital treatment.

This week the PSL trial games continue on Sunday at Barton Park.

At 5.30pm St.George plays Leichhardt and at 7.30 Marconi meets Sydney City.

In another trial match, Blacktown caused an upset by beating Leichhardt 3-2 with goals by Fisher (2) and Harding.

Blacktown were without Bill Amey and George Harris while Leichhardt played without their international, Phil O'Connor.

George Harris

FROM THE PRESS BOX

I didn't want to bring this up — but quite a few people called to express their shock and dismay, so obviously it shouldn't be kept under wraps.

The reception after the recent Australia v Czechoslovakia match in Sydney was, to put it mildly, chaotic.

Everybody — well, almost everybody — crammed into the shed behind the referees' rooms; there was absolutely nobody at the door to halt freeloaders.

The beer and food went within minutes and so did all the clean cups and glasses.

By the time the Czechoslovak and Australian teams arrived — the actual guests — there was hardly anything left for them.

I don't know who was in charge of the arrangements but it couldn't have been done any worse.

Many more internationals will be played this year at the Sportsground — hopefully somebody will take this matter in hand and ensure that these "receptions" don't look like picnics at Hicksville.

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Old stars don't fade away — they just open a sports store.

An amazing number of soccer personalities are now involved in the manufacture or retail sale of sporting goods.

To name just a few: former ASF secretary Ian McAndrew (Umbro), referees Tony Boskovic and Tim Davies, ex-star Ray Baartz, former Socceroos Attila Abonyi and Ray Richards, present stars Mark Jankovics and Alan Maher, ex-Qantas Sports Promotor Tom Patrick, retired ex-Sydney Austral stalwart Gerry Mestrum...have I forgotten anybody?

P.S. Don't ring with complaints — just book an advert to let us know of your presence....

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How do you find an "angle" (that pre-requisite for daily newspaper stories) about a World Cup draw?

One daily commented that "all Gutendorf's hopes were realised" by the draw as we play New Zealand first.

Another daily came to the conclusion that our hopes had "nosedived" because we had to play New Zealand over the Tasman in the first match.

When you have to play each opponent twice, there is no home ground advantage.

However, as a rule, in such circumstances most teams prefer to play away at first, hoping for a draw, then winning at home.

Our sub-group — no matter what anybody else may say — is a delightfully weak one: Taiwan, Fiji, Indonesia and New Zealand cannot or rather should not present too big a hurdle.

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We seem to be having trouble with some of our Australian internationals who, in our off-season, spend their holidays "at home" in Europe.

This time it was Tansey, Boden, Souness and Prskalo who were away; in past years it was some others.

All this makes life for Rudi Gutendorf difficult when he must field a team in January.

Maybe the day will come when, due to this seasonal exodus, Gutendorf will have to prepare his national team somewhere in England or on the Continent....

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I may be dense but I cannot for the life of me understand all the fuss and bother about our "unfitness" at this early part of the season.

We have always been unprepared and always will be. So what's new?

As far back as I can remember, we've had overseas teams visit us in January and February, mainly from Europe; scores of teams from Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Yugoslavia, USSR and other places.

One, in fact, was VFB Stuttgart in 1965, on their way to the USA in January, beating Prague 3-1.

Stuttgart, by the way, was coached by Rudi Gutendorf.

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— Andrew Dettre

Tony's road TO Singapore

Tony Boskovic

Australia's leading referee, Tony Boskovic will be in Singapore soon for the Olympic qualifying tournament of Group III (Asia).

Participating countries will be Iran, India, Burma, Sri Lanka, North Korea, Singapore and China.

Boskovic will be refereeing matches from February 23 to March 13.

While it is a great honor for Australia to be represented through Tony Boskovic, it would also seem to be an ideal opportunity to observe some of our possible World Cup rivals in action.

Maybe the ASF could send Eric Worthington or Rudi Gutendorf as an observer to Singapore.

Iran or North Korea could easily be involved in the final play-off series in the 1981-82 World Cup series with Australia.

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WORLD NEWS

DUTCH ACE QUITS PSV

One of Holland's brightest young stars, Ernie Brandts, 23, is looking for a new club.

The find of the team in the 1978 World Cup, the tall, elegant Brandts wants to quit PSV Eindhoven (the Philips team) where, because of his form slump, he recently lost his place as stopper.

Not surprisingly, a flood of offers came from the USA: Tampa Bay Rowdies and Los Angeles Aztecs have made bids for him.

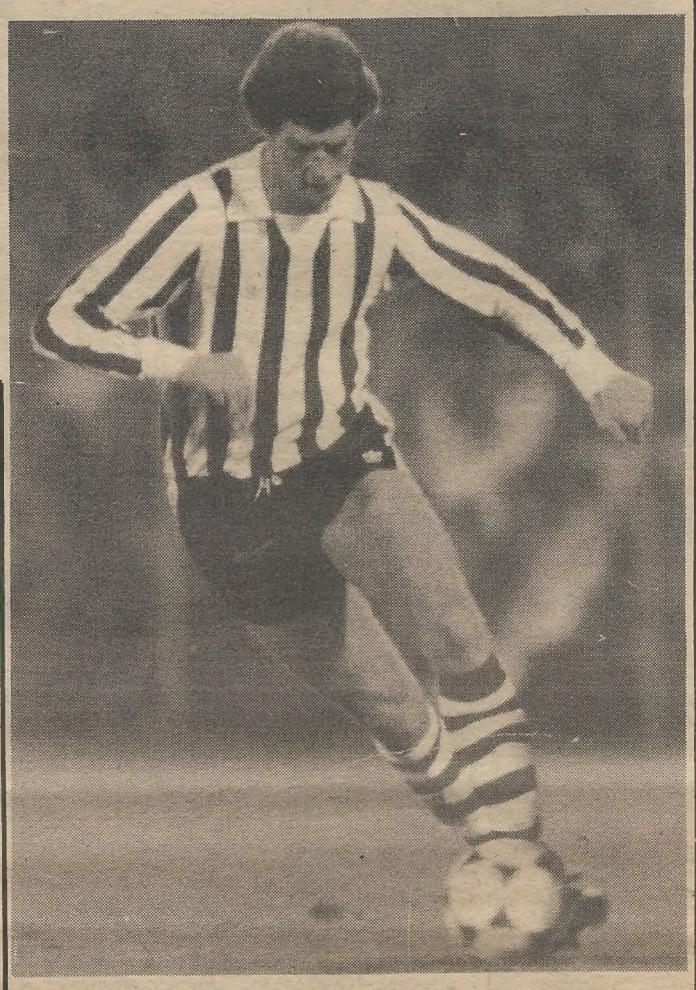
But Brandts would prefer to stay in Europe.

"The money in the USA would be tempting and it would secure my future," he said.

"But it would probably also end my international career with Holland and I'm too young to give that up.

"That's why I'm more interested in a third offer, from a European club."

Brandts wouldn't name the club — but Dutch sources feel he may end up in West Germany.



Ernie Brandts

LIVERPOOL JUST MAGIC

"Liverpool is more than magic...." this is the view of Nottingham goalkeeper Shilton.

Following Nottingham's 2-0 home defeat against the Liverpool reds, Shilton said manager Bill Paisley's team was "almost unbeatable."

"We had as much chance against them as a bull would against a matador," he added.

Nottingham manager Brian Clough, never one to praise other teams too enthusiastically, also paid Liverpool a high tribute.

"They were simply brilliant," he said. "Even if we had led by two goals, we would have lost."

Liverpool's captain Phil Thompson agrees.

"I'll be disappointed if we only win the League title," he said.

"Our aim is to capture every trophy we play for: the FA Cup and the Leagues' Cup, too.

"Then next year we will also win the European Cup."

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• *Spain beat Holland 1-0 in a friendly, watched by only 18,000 spectators. The scorer was Dani in the 83rd minute, with a penalty.*

Falcao is No.1 star in Brazil

Paulo Roberto Falcao of Internacional (Porto Alegre) is Brazil's top player for 1979.

A poll involving 221 journalists saw the young Brazilian striker finish comfortably ahead of Socrates, Amaral, Zico, Ze Sergio, Batista, Pedrinho, Peres and others.

Falcao is now the target of bids from the big clubs of Rio and Sao Paulo.

Howevewr, Falcao is reluctant to leave his provincial club where he is "cosy" — and also happens to earn a comfortable $60,000 a year — about 20 times the national average.

The same poll has found this "dream" Brazilian team:

Joao Leite (Mineiro), Nelinho (Cruzeiro), Osmar (Botafogo), Mauro Galvao (Inter), Pedrinho (Palmeiras), Pires (Palmeiras), Jorginho (Palmeiras), Roberto (Vasco, now Barcelona), Joaozinho (Cruzeiro).

Amazingly, not one player from the famous Flamengo, Fluminense or Santos.....

From the "dream team" only three played in the 1978 World Cup: Nelinho, Mendonca and Roberto.

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OVERSEAS BRIEFS

• *Herbert Prohaska, the Austrian international, has called off his negotiations with Leeds because of family reasons.*

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• *Sir Alf Ramsey, manager of the 1966 world champion England, has just celebrated his 60th birthday.*

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• *The Soviet national team's planned tour of Japan in March and April may be cancelled because of the tense political situation.*

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• *Gunter Netzer, manager of Hamburg: "We have every hope that Keegan will stay with us." Netzer denied having approached Liam Brady but has admitted that he was hoping to get Bonhof from Valencia.*

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• *Osvaldo Ardiles, the brilliant Tottenham, star, said he would return home to Argentina next year as manager Menotti wouldn't consider any expatriates for his 1982 World Cup side.*

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• *Brian Clough said he wasn't interested in the England manager's job. "It's too late for me," he said. "I'm too old."*

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• *Former Manchester United stalwart Pat Crerand is now PR man for the Manchester Engineering Co.*

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• *According to the London magazine "Shoot", Willie Wallace resigned as Dundee coach because he couldn't refuse APIA's $24,000 a year job.*

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• *Liverpool finished dead last in the first division — of Uruguay...The title went, once again, to Penarol of Montevideo.*

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• *The Hungarian Ujpest, having drawn 0-0 with Japan on their first tour match, won 4-2 and 5-2 their next two encounters.*

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• *The Hungarian national team is preparing for the season in a special training camp outside Rome; the place is called Acquacetosa — sour water....*

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• *The Scotland v Portugal European Championship match, set down for February 6, was postponed because of the waterlogged ground.*

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• *Hamburg scored a morale-boosting 3-1 win over their closest championship rivals, Bayern Munchen; 61,000 fans filled Hamburg's Volkspark stadium — despite rain, snow and freezing weather.*

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• *A special symposium dealing with modern soccer will be held in Trier, West Germany, from June 23 to 26; some 500 coaches are expected to attend from 15 countries.*

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• *The Hungarian Ferencvaros, after three draws and two wins, suffered its first defeat in Argentina, losing 1-4 to San Lorenzo di Almagro.*

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• *Brian Clough and his assistant, Peter Taylor, have come into sharp conflict with the new chairman of Nottingham Forest and the matter may end in the resignation of the two managers.*

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• *Dutch international Wim Jansen, 33, has been placed on the free transfer list by his club, Feyenoord. But before you reach for the phone: he's joined Los Angeles Aztecs and his former mates, Johan Cruyff and coach Rinus Michel.*

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• *Brazil's new manager will be Tele Santana, from Palmeiras, replacing the increasingly unpopular Claudio Coutinho.*

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• *Hennes Weisweiler (ex-Monchengladbach, Barcelona, now FC Koln) will be the new coach of the New York Cosmos after June 30.*

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• *Chile's champions Colo Colo are bankrupt and the club has been place under receivership.*

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• *Poland has a heavy international schedule. In February they'll play in Morocco and Iraq, then: March 26 Hungary (Budapest), April 2 Belgium (Brussels), April 9 Italy (Turin), April 24 Yugoslavia (Zagreb), May 26 Scotland (Warsaw). From June 22 they will make a South American tour embracing Brazil, Argentina, Peru, Colombia and Ecuador.*

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•*Eintracht Frankfurt receives $200,000 a year from their sponsorship with Minolta, the Japanese camera manufacturer.*

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•*AC Milan manager, Gianni Rivera is most unhappy with his two international stars, Novellino and Antonelli. "They lack dedication and a will to win," he lamented.*

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• *Tarantini, the former Argentinian world champion and ex-Birmingham star has signed for River Plate.*

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•*Kevin Keegan tips Czechoslovakia to reach the European Championship final ahead of Holland, West Germany and Greece from its group.*

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• *Karl-Heinz Rummenigge has signed a five-year contract with Bayern Munchen, guaranteeing him at least $225,000 per year.*

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• *Kevin Keegan's transfer price has been fixed by Hamburg: a relatively modest $925,000. (Nottingham paid $2,000,000 for Trevor Francis...)*

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• *Hamburg have acquired a Brazilian junior international, Pacheco Waldemiro Azambuza, known (known?) as Buca.*